

Aging, Office for the

Mission

The State Office for the Aging (SOFA), is responsible for promoting, coordinating and administering State, Federal and local programs and services to the elderly aged 60 and older, their families or other caregivers. The Office provides leadership and direction to 59 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and other local programs and providers that comprise the networks of services to the elderly.

Organization and Staffing

SOFA program specialists provide oversight and guidance to the AAAs, service providers, and fiscal analysts who oversee the funding disbursement. The workforce is in Albany, although SOFA staff routinely travel across the State to provide leadership, direction, and oversight to the AAAs and service providers.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2024 Budget recommends \$303 million for Aging. This is an decrease of \$6.7 million from the FY 2023 budget. This change is the result of the discontinuation of one-time legislative adds. The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 126 FTEs, which is an increase of 4 FTEs from FY 2023.

Major budget initiatives include:

- Authorizing a 2.5 percent Cost-Of-Living (COLA) Adjustment for SOFA Programming. The FY 2024 Executive Budget provides for a 2.5 percent COLA for not-for-profits that provide services on behalf of the multiple health and human services agencies, including SOFA.
- Permitting Area Agencies on Aging to serve more individuals by allowing individuals whose income is at or above 250 percent of the federal poverty level (from the current 400 percent level) to pay for certain services, thereby generating revenue that must be reinvested back into service provision, ultimately reducing waiting lists and meeting new and emerging needs.
- Supporting a continued investment into the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. The FY 2024 Executive Budget maintains \$2.5 million in additional funding for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) to provide additional coverage of long-term care facilities across the state. LTCOP funding helps address complaints and advocate for improvements in the long-term care system.
- Continuing investments into the State's Master Plan for Aging with a new \$1 million in funding in FY 2024 and the subsequent outyears under SOFA This master plan will coordinate all State policy and programs and address challenges related to communication, coordination, caregiving, long-term financing, and innovative care models.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

[Briefing Book – Health Care \(PDF\)](#)

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Program Highlights

Community Services for the Elderly

The Community Services for the Elderly program supports multiple service options, including transportation, in-home services, and case management. Approximately 123,000 people are served annually.

Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly

This program supports non-medical in-home services, case management, non-institutional respite care, and ancillary services for functionally impaired older adults. Approximately 70,000 people are served annually.

Wellness in Nutrition

The Wellness in Nutrition program supports home-delivered meals, nutrition counseling, nutrition education, and congregate meals. Approximately 210,000 people are served annually.

NY Connects

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NY Connects provides free, objective, and comprehensive information on long term care services and supports. It has expanded statewide to serve all populations and currently serves approximately 270,000 people annually.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2023	Appropriations Recommended FY 2024	Change From FY 2023	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2024
State Operations	13,024,889	12,818,400	(206,489)	18,453,540
Aid To Localities	297,490,500	291,015,744	(6,474,756)	452,482,513
Total	310,515,389	303,834,144	(6,681,245)	470,936,053

**ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FTE Change
Administration and Grants Management			
General Fund	49	49	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	77	77	0
Total	126	126	0

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Enterprise Funds	100,000	100,000	0
General Fund	2,814,990	2,714,400	(100,590)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	9,859,899	9,754,000	(105,899)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	250,000	250,000	0
Total	13,024,889	12,818,400	(206,489)
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(206,489)		
Appropriated FY 2023	12,818,400		

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Administration and Grants Management			
Enterprise Funds	100,000	100,000	0
General Fund	2,814,990	2,714,400	(100,590)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	9,859,899	9,754,000	(105,899)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	250,000	250,000	0
Total	13,024,889	12,818,400	(206,489)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2024 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	2,580,000	(100,590)	2,580,000	(100,590)
Total	2,580,000	(100,590)	2,580,000	(100,590)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2024 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	134,400	0	42,000	0
Total	134,400	0	42,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	30,100	0	54,100	0
Total	30,100	0	54,100	0

Program	Amount	Equipment	Change
Administration and Grants Management		8,200	0
Total		8,200	0

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2024 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	10,104,000	(105,899)	7,725,000	(105,899)
Total	10,104,000	(105,899)	7,725,000	(105,899)

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	2,379,000	0
Total	2,379,000	0

AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
General Fund	181,525,500	175,050,744	(6,474,756)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	114,985,000	114,985,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	980,000	980,000	0
Total	297,490,500	291,015,744	(6,474,756)

AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Community Services			
General Fund	181,525,500	175,050,744	(6,474,756)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	114,985,000	114,985,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	980,000	980,000	0
Total	297,490,500	291,015,744	(6,474,756)

Note: Most recent estimates as of 02/01/2023